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Dear Mr. Bohnee:

EXCAVATION-BASED TREATABILITY TEST PLAN FOR THE BC CRIBS AND  
TRENCHES AREA WASTE SITES, DOE/RL-2007-15, DRAFT A

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The purpose of this letter is to transmit the Excavation-Based Treatability Test Plan for the BC Cribs and Trenches Area Waste Sites, DOE/RL-2007-15, Draft A, for your review and information.

The overall objective of the treatability test is to strengthen the feasibility study by evaluation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recommended partial excavation with capping remedy. The test will accomplish the following:

- 1) Refine the definition of the nature and extent of near-surface contamination,
- 2) Refine the excavation process, with focus on down-blending highly contaminated soil,
- 3) Refine the worker dose and excavation cost estimates,
- 4) Correlate the predicted remediation worker dose with actual dose(s) received,
- 5) Evaluate the subsidence potential of remnant crib structures and refine nature and extent of near-surface contamination in the cribs, and
- 6) Assess the potential for high concentrations of transuranic-constituents in Trench 216-B-53A.

The review is scheduled for completion by August 3, 2007. Please provide any comments on or before that date. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 373-6137.

Sincerely,



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for the Central Plateau

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